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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY DRAFT NAC COMMUNIQUE

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1. THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) - PRELIMINARY  
DRAFT TEXT FOR THE NAC COMMUNIQUE WAS CIRCULATED AT  
COB MAY 10. IS DRAFT TEXT DOES NOT INCLUDE PORTION  
ON LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM BECAUSE PERMREPS DECIDED  
AT MAY 9 LUNCHEON (SEPTTEL) THAT WORK ON THIS SECTION  
OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD AWAIT CONCLUSION OF  
MAY 18-19 DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL.

2. TEXT OF IS PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS  
(LETTERS AT START OF PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE  
ADDED IN THIS CABLE BY USNATO AS AID FOR FUTURE  
REFERENCE):

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- PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMMUNIQUE  
(A)

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MET WITH THE PARTICIPATION  
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON ON  
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30TH AND 31ST MAY, 1978.  
(B)

THE ALLIED LEADERS RECOGNIZED THAT FOR NEARLY THREE  
DECADES THE ALLIANCE HAS SERVED TO PROMOTE PEACE,  
PROSPERITY AND CO-OPERATION. ITS FUNDAMENTAL STRENGTH  
AND COHESION LIES IN THE FACT THAT ALL ALLIED GOVERNMENTS  
ARE DEMOCRATIC. THE ALLIES REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT

THEIR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND HUMANE MEANS OF ORGANIZING SOCIETY TO DEAL WITH THE TASKS OF THE MODERN WORLD.

(C)

THE ALLIED LEADERS NOTED THAT THEIR MEETING FOLLOWS A YEAR OF INTENSIVE ALLIED ACTIVITY, ANALYSIS AND RE-ASSESSMENT, AIMED AT ENSURING THAT THE ALLIANCE CAN MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES IN A DYNAMIC FASHION. IN PARTICULAR, THE ALLIES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKEN THREE INITIATIVES AGREED AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING IN LONDON LAST MAY: A FRESH STUDY OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND A REVIEW OF MEANS TO DEEPEN CO-OPERATION IN THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS, IN THE CASE OF STATES TAKING PART IN THE INTEGRATED DEFENCE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE, A LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

(D)

THE FRESH STUDY OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS HAS REAFFIRMED THAT THE TWO COMPLEMENTARY AIMS OF MAINTAINING MILITARY SECURITY AND PURSUING DETENTE REMAIN FULLY VALID. THE PATTERN OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERACTION BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES HAS BECOME MORE PRONOUNCED AND VARIED, BUT SERIOUS SOURCES OF TENSION STILL PERSIST. IN THE YEARS AHEAD THE ALLIES WILL PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENLARGE THE SPHERES OF COLLABORATION WITH THE EASTERN NATIONS AND TO DEVELOP AREAS OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL

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INTERDEPENDENCE. IN PARTICULAR, FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT WILL BE INDISPENSABLE FOR A DURABLE IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THESE EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF A SATISFACTORY MILITARY BALANCE. THE POLITICAL WILL SHOWN BY THE ALLIES, ESPECIALLY AS MANIFESTED IN THE STATE OF THE MILITARY BALANCE, IS BOUND TO AFFECT THE DEGREE TO WHICH OTHERS MAY BE READY TO ATTEMPT TO TRANSLATE MILITARY POWER INTO EXPANSION OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE. AN EFFECTIVE DEFENCE POSTURE WILL ENSURE THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENTS CAN PURSUE THEIR DETENTE POLICIES IN SAFETY AND WITH CONFIDENCE.

(E)

THE ALLIES REMAIN CONVINCED THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT WOULD GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE LESSENING OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND DIFFERENCES WHICH FOSTER DIVISIONS IN EUROPE. THE ALLIES WELCOMED THE THOROUGH REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION THAT TOOK PLACE IN BELGRADE, AND ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS ARE NOW AN ESTABLISHED SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AMONG THE SIGNATORY STATES.

THEY REGRETTED HOWEVER THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION. NEVERTHELESS, THE ALLIES HOPE THAT, BY THE TIME OF THE MADRID MEETING IN 1980, THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION WILL SHOW SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT, INCLUDING GREATER RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE CITIZENS OF SIGNATORY STATES TO KNOW AND TO ACT UPON ITS PROVISIONS.

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UNION IS PREPARED TO USE MILITARY FORCE IN ALTERING REGIONAL BALANCES AND IN INTERVENING IN INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SUCH ACTIONS NOT ONLY HAVE A DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN THE AREAS IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED, BUT ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PROSPECTS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITHIN EUROPE. DETENTE CANNOT BE APPLIED SELECTIVELY.

(G) (BERLIN: TO BE PROVIDED.)

(H)

THE ALLIES WELCOMED THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, AS WELL AS THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE INITIATED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE EXISTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO ALLIES.

(I)

THE ALLIES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION'S INITIATIVE TO LIFT ALL RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BY

TURKEY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

(J)

THE ALLIED LEADERS REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO  
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WORK VIGOROUSLY FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN WHICH THE POTENTIAL OF THE PEOPLES OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE CAN BE FULLY REALISED. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WHICH RECENTLY CELEBRATED 20 YEARS OF TRANS-ATLANTIC CO-OPERATION IN FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

(K)

THE ALLIED LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE EXPANSION OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY CAPABILITIES CONTINUES UNABATED. THE RESPONSE OF THE ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW TWO SEPARATE BUT COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES: TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN FORCES AND TO SEEK REALISTIC FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS. THE ALLIES PREFER THE LATTER APPROACH, BUT PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION DEPENDS ON A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

(L)

THE SOPHISTICATION AND DESTRUCTIVENESS OF MODERN WEAPONRY MAKES CO-OPERATION IN LIMITATION AGREEMENTS AN URGENT TASK FOR ALL NATIONS, WHATEVER THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THE ALLIES REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO PERSEVERE THROUGH CAREFUL NEGOTIATION IN THE PURSUIT OF REALISTIC AND VERIFIABLE DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL MEASURES THAT ENHANCE STABILITY, REDUCE FORCE LEVELS, AND PROMOTE THE SECURITY OF BOTH EAST AND WEST. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

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(M) (SALT: TO BE PROVIDED.)

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WITH RESPECT TO MBFR, THE PARTICIPATING ALLIES EMPHASISED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE STABILITY AND STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN

EUROPE. THEY NOTED THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED A MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE, INTENDED TO MOVE THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS DECISIVELY TO A FIRST AGREEMENT. THESE ALLIES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO AN EASTERN RESPONSE WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE POSITIVE INTEREST OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN PURSUING MILITARY DETENTE IN EUROPE.

(O)

UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT PROVES POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY MILITARY BALANCE AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES THROUGH GENUINE FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS, THE ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO MODERNISE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN FORCES TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE. THEY WILL MAINTAIN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE GREATER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FORCES OF THE ALLIES THROUGH INTEROPERABILITY AND STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AND LONG-TERM DEFENCE EQUIPMENT PLANNING PROCEDURES. END TEXT. BENNETT

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